

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (CURRENTLY AMENDED):

1. A Hanger Hoister Tool for placing a bracket to secure a joist to a header comprising:

- (a) a tool body;
- (b) legs rigidly connected to said body and extending upward from said body;
- (c) means for holding a bracket having a heel and two upright members when inserted between said legs comprising a pedestal keel extending outward from said body; [and]
- (d) a handle extending downward from said body[.] ; and
- (e) pedestal tongues extending outward in the opposite direction of the pedestal keel away from said body.

Claim 2: (CANCELLED.)

[2. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 1 where said handle extends downward and outward at an angle from said body.]

Claim 3: (CANCELLED.)

[3. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 2 wherein the handle is ribbed.]

Claim 4: (CANCELLED.)

[4. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 1 wherein the means for holding a bracket when inserted between said legs is a pedestal keel extending outward from said body.]

Claim 5: (CANCELLED.)

[5. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 1 further comprising pedestal tongues extending outward in the opposite direction of the pedestal keel away from said body.]

Claim 6: (CURRENTLY AMENDED)

6. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim [5] 1 wherein said pedestal keel and said pedestal tongues have a top and said top of said pedestal keel is offset and lower than said top of said pedestal tongue by the thickness of said heel of said bracket.

Claim 7: (ORIGINAL.)

7. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 1 wherein the tool is constructed of plastic.

Claim 8: (ORIGINAL.)

8. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 1 further comprises a utility aperture located within said handle.

Claim 9: (NEW)

9. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 1 where said handle extends downward and outward at an angle from said body.

Claim 10: (NEW)

10. The Hanger Hoister Tool of Claim 9 wherein the handle is ribbed.